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ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

EDIC Case No. 15  
Control No. 2202  
17 November 1955

*The Dept. of Commerce  
EDIC Member has  
agreed that this case  
can be  
cancelled.*

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SUBJECT

Soviet Bloc Position and Use of Perchloric Acid and Perchlorates of Sodium, Potassium and Ammonia.

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

Bureau of Foreign Commerce, 5 October 1955.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

As soon as possible.

PROPOSED USE

To be used by a BFC Interagency Technical Task Group in its review of the commodities for possible recommendation of strategic ratings.

BACKGROUND

Background and references relating to this case are summarized in EDIC/Intelligence Request No. 17, dated 14 October 1955.

ASSIGNMENT OF PRODUCTION AND/OR ACTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibility for this project has been delegated to the EDIC Working Group on Propellants and Fuel Additives (EDIC/AM-19, 16 November 1955).

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Intelligence Request No. 17  
Control No. 2189  
14 October 1955

SUBJECT

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REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

Bureau of Foreign Commerce, 5 October 1955.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

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PROPOSED USE

A BFC Interagency Technical Task Group is undertaking a study of the desirability of recommending a strategic rating for the subject commodities. An intelligence report on the Soviet Bloc position and use of these commodities is necessary to supplement the technical review.

BACKGROUND AND REFERENCES

1. Perchloric acid and its salts have had various security ratings (I/L 3751, US IIB 704 and MESL C-III 4705) but presently appear by name on no security list, although, by interpretation, they are covered by Munitions List Item B VIII: "Propellants for items enumerated in Category IV." The items included in Category IV are bombs, torpedoes, rockets and guided missiles.

2. When perchlorates are identified for a military end-use, their export is controlled. When not so identified, they are not controlled.

3. Although it is reported that the primary use of perchlorates is military, it seems desirable, in view of the negotiating history on this item, to establish a detailed picture of the Soviet Bloc

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position if success is to be envisaged in negotiating the return of this item to the security list. For this purpose BFC suggests that a coordinated EDIC report be prepared on this subject.

ACTION DESIRED

The above request is circulated to EDIC members for information prior to consideration at the next EDIC meeting.

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